

Appln. No. 10/015,905  
Amdt. date September 5, 2003  
Reply to Office action of March 6, 2003

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Office action dated March 6, 2003 has been reviewed and the comments therein carefully considered. In the Office action, various questions and issues are raised concerning the description of the new variety. By the accompanying Substitute Specification, Applicant has made a *bona fide* attempt to address each of the issues and questions raised.

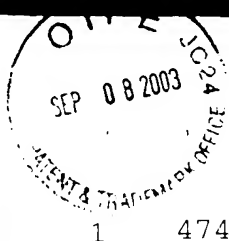
In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and, accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If any questions remain regarding the allowability of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED 'MISS AMBER'

5 CLASSIFICATION

The present invention relates to a new Rosaceae plant.

VARIETY DENOMINATION

The new plant has the varietal denomination 'MISS AMBER'.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety of rose plant of the hybrid tea rose of the genus Rosaceae which was created by crossing as seed and pollen parents two (2) unknown rose varieties. The varietal denomination of the new variety is 'MISS AMBER'.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Among the novel characteristics possessed by this new variety which distinguishes it from other varieties of which I am aware, is its orange flowers.

Asexual reproduction by propagation by budding of the new variety as performed in Wasco, California shows that the foregoing and other distinguishing characteristics come true to form and are established and transmitted through succeeding propagations.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATION

5 The accompanying illustration shows typical specimens of the  
flowers and foliage of the new variety depicted in color as  
nearly true as it is reasonably possible to make the same in a  
color illustration of this character.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

5 The following is a detailed description of 2-year budded  
plants of the new variety , with color terminology in accordance  
with *The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart* (RHSCC). The  
terminology used in color description herein refers to plate  
numbers in the aforementioned color chart. Phenotypic expression  
may vary with light availability, environmental and cultural  
10 conditions.

The following observations are made of specimens grown  
outdoors in Wasco, California, during November budded on  
'DR. HUEY' understock.

PLANT

15 Form: Spreading  
Growth: Semi-vigorous  
Size: Height about 36 inches; width  
about 36 inches

20 Foliage  
Size: Terminal leaflet length  
~~length~~ about 2 1/4 inches;  
width about 1 1/2 inches  
Quantity: ~~About 5~~ Usually compound 5  
25 leaflet leaves, occasional 7  
leaflet leaves

Color

New foliage: Upper side near 178A; under  
side near 179A  
30 Mature foliage: Upper side near 137A; under  
side near 137D  
Shape: Elliptic  
Texture  
35 Upper side: Smooth, semi-glossy

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	Under side:	Matte
	Edge:	Serrated
5	Serration:	Serrate
	Petioles:	Top surface color near 143B; Under side near 143C
	Stipules:	Medium length
10	Rachis:	Few prickles
	<del>Variation:</del>	<del>None</del>
	<del>Veination:</del>	<del>None</del>

WOOD

15	New shoots	
	Bark:	Smooth
	Wood:	Near 178B
	Old wood	
	Bark:	Smooth
20	Wood:	Near 143A
	Flowering stem:	Length about <del>[[3]]</del> <u>12</u> inches
	Winter Hardiness:	Completely winter hardy
	Resistance to Disease:	Fair
25	<del>Temperature range:</del>	<del>Between 16° and 120° F</del>
	Preferred growing conditions:	Full sun
	Growth habit:	Medium vigor
30	Leaves per stem:	About 5
	<u>Prickles/Thorns:</u>	<u>Thorns about 1/4 inch long,</u> <u>color near 165A, dorsal</u> <u>shaped</u>

FLOWER/INFLORESCENCE

35	Blooming Habit:	Continuous
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	Bud	Length about 2 inches; width about 1 9/16 inches
5	Form:	Classic rose form
	Color:	Before sepals divide color near 33A; when sepals first divide color near 33A; when petals begin to unfurl color near 37A
10	Sepals:	Long and thin, <u>usually about 5 sepals 1 inch long by 1/4 inch wide with a few small extensions</u>
15	Size:	Length in relation to bud, about 1 1/2 inches
	Color	Topside near 143B; bottom near 144A
20	Peduncle	
	Length:	About 3 inches, <u>smooth</u>
	Strength:	Erect
	Color:	Near 178B
25	Flower	
	Size:	About 5 1/4 inches
	Borne:	Single
	Form:	High center; unfurls full
30	Petalage:	About 26
	Petaloids in center:	About 7, <u>near 58A</u>
	Persistence:	<del>Good</del> <u>Petals do not drop</u>
	Fragrance:	Slight
35	Lasting Quality:	About 3 weeks on plant; about 7 days after cutting

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Color

5 During first 2 days: Inner petals at flower center  
topside near 37A; bottom near  
38A; outer petals topside  
near 37B, bottom near 38B

Base of petals

10 (Point of attachment): Near 2A

General tonality from a  
distance: Near 38B

Color Change: Remains the same even after 3  
or more days

15 Petals

Texture: ~~Thin / soft~~ Thin, soft,  
oblong, about 1 1/2 inch long  
by about 1 1/4 inch wide

20 Shape: Longer than wider

Arrangement: Imbricated

Appearance: Velvety

REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS

25 Arrangement of stamens, Regularly arranged around  
Filaments and Anthers: styles

Color: Filaments near 7A; Anthers  
near 10A

Pollen: No pollen

30 Styles: Thin; medium length, about  
110 anthers and filaments

Stigmas: Usual

Hips/Seed Vessels/Ovaries

Shape: Round

35 Size: Small; about 1/4 inch

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Color:

Near 138B

Seeds:

No seeds

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I CLAIM:

5 A new and distinct Hybrid Tea Rose plant of the variety  
substantially as shown and described.

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ABSTRACT

5 A new and distinct Hybrid Tea Rose plant variety with orange  
flowers.

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